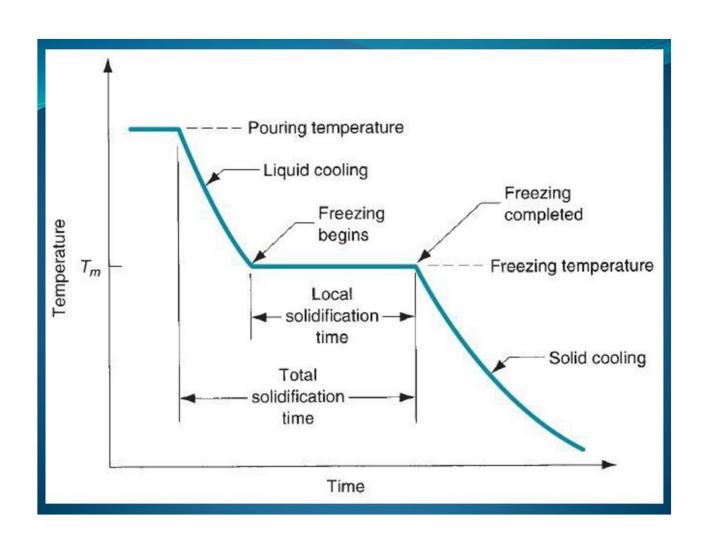
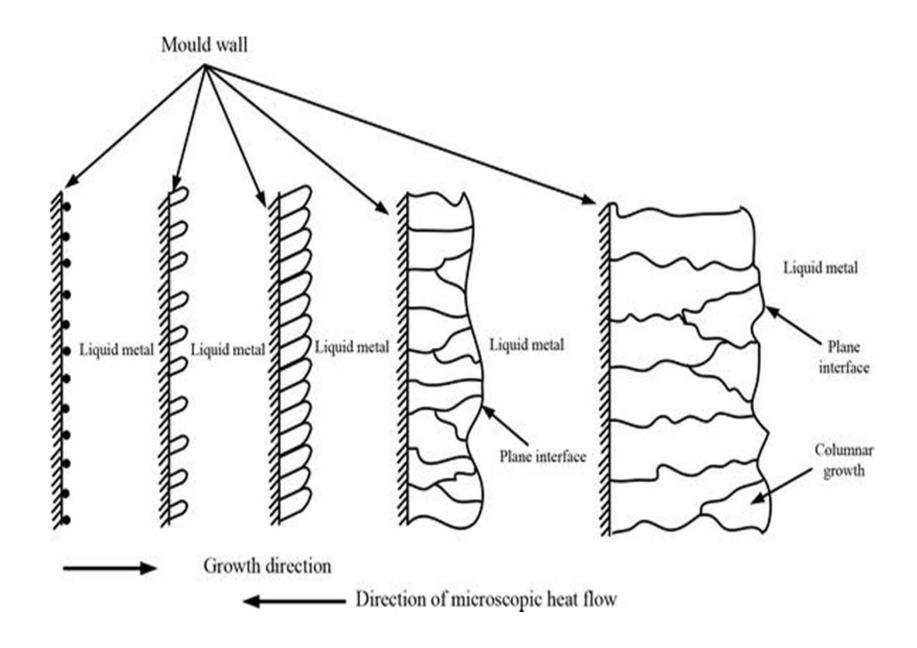
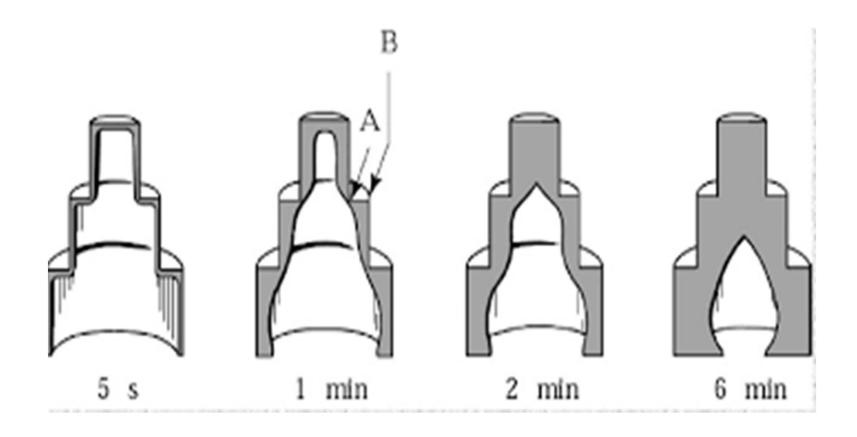
## **Solidification of Metals**

- After pouring molten metal into a mold, a series of events takes place during the solidification of the metal and cooling to room temperature.
- These events greatly influence the size, shape uniformity, and chemical composition of the grains formed throughout the casting, which in turn influence its over all properties.

## Solidification process







## Solidify molten metal

**Chvorinov's rule**: the time needed for the molten metal to completely solidify in the mold cavity

$$TST = C_m \left(\frac{V}{A}\right)^n$$

TST: total solidification time, min

V: volume of the casting, in.3 (cm3)

A: surface area of the casting, in.2 (cm2)

N: exponent, 2

C<sub>m</sub>: mold constant, min.in.<sup>2</sup> (min/cm<sup>2</sup>)

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## Classification of casting

